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P. Marc LaFrance
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Dear Mr. LaFrance,

Clayton Homes is supportive of a DOE initiative that makes available volume purchases of energy efficient window products. We believe this will increase access to energy efficiency investments for low and moderate-income households.

Clayton Homes (a Berkshire Hathaway Company) and its subsidiaries make up a vertically integrated manufactured housing company with 41 manufacturing plants, 390 company-owned stores, more than 1,400 independent retailers, and financial services operations that provide mortgage services for more than 400,000 customers and insurance protection for 135,000 families. Through our family of brands (Clayton Homes, Schult, Oakwood, Marlette, Crest, Norris, Southern Energy, and Golden West), we build, sell, finance, and insure a full spectrum of affordable housing.

We applaud the Department of Energy's initiative to create a market for emerging promising technologies that will have immediate benefits for American families as well as for our nation's energy security and emission-reduction strategy.

Sincerely,

Mark Ezzo, P.E.
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